Mia Costello—Senate District K—Alaska Republican Party Primary Candidate

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Place of Birth: Anchorage

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Occupation: State Senator

Length of Residency in Alaska: 50 years

Education:

Romig Middle School West High School Harvard University – B.A. University of Alaska Southeast – M.A

Political and Government Positions:

Alaska State Labor and Commerce Committee chair and Joint Armed Services Committee co-chair; Alaska House of Representatives Finance Committee member; Aide to Governor Frank Murkowski, Governor Walter J. Hickel, and Representative Norm Rokeberg; intern coordinator for U.S. Senator Ted Stevens.

Business and Professional Positions:

High school classroom teacher, Anchorage and Juneau school districts; Graduation coach at NineStar Education and Employment Services; Public relations executive.

Service Organization(s) Membership:

Alaska Outdoor Council; National Rifle Association; Alaska Airmen's Association; National Federation of Independent Businesses, Girl Scouts of America Lifetime Member.

Other:

NCAA Division I All American in swimming, Co-captain Harvard Women's Swimming team; Alaska's first female Olympic Trials Qualifier in swimming; Co-Nect Schools Excellence in Education finalist; 2013 Associated Builders and Contractors Legislator of the Year, 2014 NFIB Small Business Guardian.

Position Statement:

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As a lifelong Alaskan, I was born in Anchorage, raised in Turnagain, and am currently living with my family in the Sand Lake area. As your voice in Juneau, my priorities are:

- Making our neighborhoods safe again
- Strengthening Alaska's economy
- Protecting our savings and the Permanent Fund dividend for generations to come

Alaska's crime epidemic is intolerable. That's why I introduced legislation to repeal our failed Senate Bill 91 and take a fresh look at our crime laws. My amendment ended pretrial "catch and release", restoring judges' discretion to keep dangerous criminals in jail. We need to do more, and I am willing to continue to fight for safer communities.

We must grow our economy through innovation and supporting small business. My legislation put Alaska in the top five states for innovation, brought Uber and Lyft to Alaska, and enabled equity crowdfunding as a way to invest in small business. My leadership has created hundreds of new jobs in Alaska.

Our current level of state spending is unsustainable. I believe in a smaller, smarter government sector and a strong private sector. I have fought against an income tax and have consistently voted to preserve our PFD for the long term, putting hard working Alaska families first.

I treasure my West Anchorage roots, and I have never forgotten that I am <u>your</u> voice in Juneau.

Please call me on my cell at 360-2488. I'd love to hear from you.

I would be honored to have your vote on November 6th!

